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Subject: Microsoft Settlement is Shocking

The DOJ's settlement with Microsoft rewards Microsoft for predatory behavior. By allowing them to contribute software and hardware to schools, their monopoly is only cemented more.

Bill Gates is sneering inwardly, I'm sure. Steve Ballmer is laughing. Microsoft employees are wearing "Department of Justice: Antitrust Division" T-shirts.

Microsoft has made a mockery out of quality.
Microsoft has made a mockery out of fair play.

All of Microsoft's code needs to be put in the public domain in order to have any hope of having alternative operating systems written by corporations. I'm frankly surprised that Bill Gates isn't seeing any jail time.

Sincerely,

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